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Viewing cable 04OTTAWA2931, IIR 6 815 0002 05/DUTCH AND UK SUPPORT FOR

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Understanding cables

Every cable message consists of three parts:

- The top box shows each cables unique reference number, when and by whom it originally was sent, and what its initial classification was.
- The middle box contains the header information that is associated with the cable. It includes information about the receiver(s) as well as a general subject.
- The bottom box presents the body of the cable. The opening can contain a more specific subject, references to other cables ([browse by origin](#) to find them) or additional comment. This is followed by the main contents of the cable: a summary, a collection of specific topics and a comment section.

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Discussing cables

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Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
04OTTAWA2931	2004-11-02 15:44	2011-08-30 01:44	CONFIDENTIAL//NOFORN	Embassy Ottawa

Appears in these articles:

<http://aptn.ca/pages/news/2011/05/09/british-opposed-canadians-nomination-to-top-nato-military-post-u-s-diplomatic-cables/>

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id: 22339
date: 11/2/2004 15:44
refid: 04OTTAWA2931
origin: Embassy Ottawa
classification: CONFIDENTIAL//NOFORN
destination:
header:
This record is a partial extract of the original cable. The full text of the original cable is not available.
----- header ends -----
C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 01 OF 02 OTTAWA 002931
SIPDIS
CONFIDENTIAL NOFORN
SIPDIS
SERIAL: (U) IIR 6 815 0002 05.
COUNTRY: (U) CANADA (CA); NETHERLANDS (NL); UNITED KINGDOM (UK).
IPSP: (U) IFC1512; IFC1517; IFC2610.
TAGS: DOD NATO
SUBJECT: IIR 6 815 0002 05/DUTCH AND UK SUPPORT FOR
CANADIAN CHIEF OF DEFENCE STAFF ASSUMING CHAIRMANSHIP OF
NATO MILITARY COMMITTEE (U)
WARNING: (U) THIS IS AN INFORMATION REPORT, NOT FINALLY
EVALUATED INTELLIGENCE. REPORT IS CLASSIFIED C O N F I D E N
T I A L/NOFORN.
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
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DOI: (U) 20041028.
REQS: (U) DHCD127058; DHCD172046; DHCD172008;
D-IAC-2610-047-01.
SOURCE: A. (C) //6 815 0337//DUTCH DEFENSE OFFICIAL WHO HAS
ACCESS TO THE INFORMATION IN THE COURSE OF NORMAL DUTIES.
PREVIOUS REPORTING HAS BEEN RELIABLE.
1B. (C) //6 815 0180//UNITED KINGDOM DEFENSE
OFFICIAL WHO HAS ACCESS TO THE INFORMATION IN THE COURSE OF
NORMAL DUTIES. PREVIOUS REPORTING HAS BEEN RELIABLE.
SUMMARY: (C) CANADA,S CHIEF OF DEFENCE STAFF, GENERAL RAY
((HENAULT)) HAS BEEN NOMINATED FOR CHAIRMAN OF THE NATO
MILITARY COMMITTEE. DUTCH AMBASSADOR TO CANADA HAS STRONGLY
SUPPORTED THE NOMINATION. UK HIGH COMMISSIONER TO CANADA MAY
BE LESS SUPPORTIVE.
TEXT: 1. (C) CANADA,S CHIEF OF DEFENCE STAFF (CDS/CHOD),
GENERAL RAY ((HENAULT)), HAS BEEN NOMINATED AS ONE OF TWO
CANDIDATES FOR CHAIRMAN OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE (CMC) AT
NATO, REPLACING CURRENT CHAIRMAN, GENERAL HARARLD ((KUJAT)).
HE HAS BEEN QUIETLY BUT CONTINUOUSLY LOBBYING FOR THE
POSITION SINCE THE END OF CY2003.
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12. (C) ACCORDING TO SOURCE A, DUTCH AMBASSADOR TO CANADA J.G.S.T.M. ((VAN HELLENBERG HUBAR)) IS SENDING A CABLE TO THE HAGUE STRONGLY SUPPORTING THE NOMINATION OF GENERAL HENAUULT AS CMC. AMBASSADOR VAN HELLENBERG HUBAR IS ALSO REPORTEDLY CALLING NATO SECRETARY GENERAL JAAP ((DE HOOP SCHEFFER)) TO COMMUNICATE HIS SUPPORT FOR HENAUULT DIRECTLY TO SECGEN. VAN HELLENBERG HUBAR SUPPORTS HENAUULT BECAUSE HE BELIEVES SELECTING HENAUULT WOULD BE THE BEST MOVE TO PROMOTE TRANSATLANTICISM AND TO ENSURE THAT INTERESTS &EXTERNAL TO THE EU8 REMAIN IN FOCUS.

13. (C) ACCORDING TO SOURCE B, THE UNITED KINGDOM HIGH COMMISSIONER TO CANADA IS LIKELY TO BE INFLUENCED TO SHOW LESS THAN VIGOROUS SUPPORT FOR HENAUULT. HENAUULT IS SEEN BY MANY UK OBSERVERS AS PERHAPS TOO POLITICALLY SENSITIVE AND AS NOT BEING VOCAL ENOUGH IN CALLING FOR MORE RESOURCES FOR CANADIAN FORCES. WHILE POLITICAL SKILLS ARE CERTAINLY REQUIRED FOR THE CMC POSITION, SOURCE B BELIEVES HENAUULT LACKS &THE BACKBONE8 FOR TOUGH ENGAGEMENT ON ISSUES FACING THE ALLIANCE SUCH AS TRAINING AND EQUIPPING THE NEW IRAQI ARMY. IN THE LAST MEETING BETWEEN HENAUULT AND UK CHOD GENERAL SIR MICHAEL ((WALKER)), WALKER WAS REPORTEDLY VERY DIRECT IN A NO-NONSENSE REQUEST FOR CANADIAN CONTRIBUTIONS TO ONGOING NATO, UN, AND COALITION MISSIONS. HENAUULT WAS APPARENTLY FLUSTERED IN THAT MEETING AND RESPONDED THAT HE COULD ONLY WORK WITH RESOURCES PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA. COMMENTS: 1. (C) FIELD COMMENTS. SOME CANADIAN SOURCES HAVE COMMUNICATED THAT CANADA WOULD WITHDRAW HENAUULT,S NOMINATION IF HE IS NOT SUPPORTED BY THE U.S. RO BELIEVES THIS IS UNLIKELY AND A HOLLOW MEANS OF ATTEMPTING TO FORCE SUPPORT SINCE THERE IS SECRET BALLOTING INVOLVED.

12. (C/NF) FIELD COMMENTS. WHILE CANADA MAY NOT BE LEADING IN NATO CONTRIBUTIONS, RO BELIEVES THAT IT WOULD BE PRUDENT FOR THE U.S. TO SUPPORT HENAUULT,S CANDIDACY FOR THE POST OF CMC. HENAUULT IS VERY PRO-U.S., AND IS VERY POLITICALLY SAVVY. HE IS ALSO SOLIDLY BEHIND EFFORTS TO TRANSFORM NATO,S MILITARY FORCES INTO AN EFFECTIVE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE. AS CMC, HENAUULT COULD BE RELIED UPON TO ADVANCE U.S. MILITARY AND POLITICAL AGENDAS WITHIN NATO.

13. (U) SOURCES REMAINS AVAILABLE FOR FURTHER EXPLOITATION.

14. (C) THIS REPORTING SUPPORTS PARAGRAPHS 1E, 3C, AND 3E OF THE DAO OTTAWA OPERATING DIRECTIVE.

15. (U) DIRECT ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS IIR TO DHO-1 AT STU III (703) 907-0541, OR GRAY 981-7892.

COLL: (U) AB; AH; MM.

INSTR: (U) US NO.

PREP: (U) 6-03048.

ACQ: (U) CANADA, OTTAWA (20041028).

DISSEM: (U) FIELD: AMEMB OTTAWA.

WARNING: (U) REPORT CLASSIFIED

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DECL ON: X1

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